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Dear Parents,

The recital is almost here and because of the pandemic, things are very different from our normal show at The Strand Theater. I am very excited and feel very lucky that we are able to have a recital. The Strand as in most theaters around the country and world are not opening and it is very sad, so indeed I consider TDW very lucky. Last year the dancers trained and worked very hard and we couldn't perform. This year will be different, but it will be great as always because what better show to watch than all your beautiful dancers doing what they love!

This year we are having two shows in order for everyone to have at least 4 seats according to the Governors guidelines. The dancers are beyond happy that they get to perform twice! There is nothing better than to be on stage! Soon will be receiving order forms for recital t-shirts, flowers. Look out for them and be sure to get your orders in as soon as you can.

Dress Rehearsal is the week of May 10th at the studio during your child's class time. All children will wear their costumes to class. If you are in back to back classes make sure your child has everything she needs **for all her classes on that day**. During this time, we will make sure the costumes are perfect and we do not have any wardrobe malfunctions on the big day! If there are problems that arise, we have a week to fix them! Class pictures will also be taken that day!

Tech Rehearsal is Friday, May 21 from 3:00-8:30. Rehearsal is mandatory to benefit your child as well as all the dancers they dance with. There is a rehearsal list below with the time of **DROP OFF** for your child's class. That is not the time that they dance, that is **drop off** time to ensure we have the whole class in attendance. Punctuality is very important for the rehearsal (and the show) as tardiness could delay a class, which in turn delays the whole rehearsal. Drop off is behind the theater on **Abe Voorhees Drive**. Pull in to the parking lot and there is a horse shoe type of driveway where you can go in one way and continue to drive and exit, much easier for dropping off and picking up. Once in the horse shoe, drop off is at the second back door and there will be someone there to greet your child at which time they will bring your child to the auditorium to sit and wait for their turn to perform and they get to see all the other performers. Please have your child in a black or dark colored leotard of any kind and either pink or tan tights and their dance bag filled with all the shoes that they need. At drop off, each child will be checked in, please make sure your cell number is correct in the JR in case of emergency as this is the number we use. Please make sure that your child has at least one mask as they are required to wear them at all times except for performing on the stage. Each class will be at the rehearsal for approximately 1 hour. Example would be, if your time to arrive is 6:45, you will be there until approximately 7:45, unless you are in more than one dance. In that case, please look at your child's last drop off time and add 15 minutes to that for your pick up time. Everyone needs to bring water, **no soda or juice**, and if your child is there for a long time, please pack a small bag with

nourishing food. Nothing very heavy or messy, something like fruit, and a sandwich as they are dancing and we don't want any upset stomachs.

I am hopeful this year's rehearsal will run as smoothly as all the past years but I have never worked in this theater or with these technicians. They do not know me and I do not know them so I do not know how they run their theater and what their process is. But you have my word that I will do my best and beyond!

If your child is in the Garden Ballet she will wear her costume to rehearsal at the theater. The pots can stay in their green leotard after the Garden ballet and the bunnies please bring the leotard to change into.

The Recital is Saturday, May 22. Show times are 11:00a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

You will receive your 4 tickets at **your** class time the week of the 10th. The seats will be numbered and in the guidelines 6 feet apart. **Cash only for tickets at pick up.**

You will be notified this week if you were chosen for more tickets through the lottery, as the governor did raise capacity to 50%. I am hopeful that everyone who asked for more will be able to receive them!

All audience members are required to wear a mask. Please pass that info along. These are the rules the theater is following and without a mask, there will be no admittance. Even if you have the vaccine, they are still requiring mask wearing. Please abide by these rules for the show to run smoothly with no issues in the front of house.

Drop your dancer off at the same place as tech rehearsal. Each child needs to arrive dressed in their first performance costume, with make-up. Blush, lipstick Mascara are needed. Same as rehearsal there will be assistants there to take your dancer back stage. Your child will be there for a while, so please make sure they have water and food. There will be no sharing of food. During the two shows, if it is nice out that day, my staff and I will take the dancers outside in between shows. We are all going to have so much fun! The theater will be open for the concession stands a half hour prior to show time. Drop off for RECITAL DAY for the FIRST show is 10:15-10:30.

Again please be punctual. Drop off for the SECOND show is between 1:45-2:00. The show will start on time, warranting any problems. I pride myself in that regard. This year is our Enchanted Garden Ballet and there will be no admittance to the theater while the Ballet is being performed. After the ballet is done, we will open the doors for anyone who was late. It is very sad that we are not performing the whole ballet, but the parts you will see are magnificent! Please do not get up to go to the bathroom while someone is performing on stage, wait until in between the dances when there is no one is on stage. Please no video taking during the performance and no flash photography. These are all distracting to other audience members and the performers. Videos are for sale of the whole show. All cell phones should be silenced. There will be a twenty minute intermission and there will be refreshments sold, with the proceeds going to The SEACOAST DANCERS. Pre-ordered flowers will be picked up during the intermission or at the start of the show you ordered them for. Please tell grandparents and aunts that beautiful flowers can be bought prior to the show and be at the theater for them to pick up and give to their dancer. It will save them time and help the SD out.

After The Enchanted Garden Ballet, Bee pick up will be in the lobby. It will be quick and easy so you can go sit down and not miss the first number of the show, which is great and you will not want to miss it!

Thank you so much for making this day very special for your dancer and your whole family. And thank you for all your patience through this pandemic. It was a struggle but we made it!! I am happy to see the arts come alive again! Feel free to email me with any questions

Rehearsal Schedule

Studio A	ARRIVAL TIME
Mon. 4:00 Ballet 7/8 year old	3:45
Mon. 4:45 Acro 7/8 Year old	5:40
Mon. 5:30 Acro Senior	7:50
Mon. 6:30 Ballet Senior	3:00
Tuesday 9:15 P/S	3:45
Tues. 4:15 P/S	3:45
Tues. 5:10 Rockstars	5:20
Tues. 6:15 Tap teen	3:00
Tuesday 7:30 Tap	3:00
Wed. 3:15 Hip Hop Senior	6:50
Wed. 4:15 Cont Senior	7:30
Wed. 5:15 Hip Hop Teen	7:50
Wed. 6:15 Cont Teen	7:10
Thurs. 5:00 Combination	3:45
Thursday 6:30 Acro Teen	7:40
Fri. 3:30 Jazz Senior	8:10
Studio B	
Mon. 4:00 Jazz Teen	6:30
Mon. 5:00 Ballet Teen	3:00
Tues. 3:45 Ballet Junior	4:45
Tues. 4:45 Jazz Junior	5:15
Wed. 4:15 Hip Hop 7/8 year old	5:45
Wed. 5:00 Tap 7/8 year old	6:15
Wed. 5:50 Acro Junior	6:40
Thurs. 5:30 Tap Junior	7:15
Thurs. 6:30 Hip Hop Juniors	7:00
Fri. 4:15 Contemporary Juniors	6:00
Fri 5:15 Hip Hop Juniors	5:45